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TAGS: PINT, PGOV, RQ, DR

SUB: PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION ON PUERTO RICO

REF: STATE 186242,

- 1. DURING CALL ON FOREIGN SECRETARY JIMENEZ ON JULY 26, AMBASSADOR GAVE HIM A COPY OF THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ON PUERTO RICO AND EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS DEFINITIVE STATEMENT OF U.S. POLICY. THE AMBASSADOR NOTED THE BASIC ROLE THIS STATEMENT WOULD PLAY IN C-24 HANDLING OF THE QUESTION AND REQUESTED DOMINICAN COOPERATION.
- 2. JIMENEZ CONSIDERED IT AN EXCELLENT STATEMENT, TERMING IT A VERY CLEAR DECLARATION OF A HELPFUL POSITION. HE NODDED AT THE REQUEST FOR COOPERATION AND SAID THAT HE WOULD BE GLAD TO RECEIVE OUR AIDE MEMOIRE ON THE SUBJECT.
- 3. COMMENT: JIMENEZ SEEMED IMPRESSED AND SYMPATHETIC. SINCE HE IS WITHIN WEEKS OF EITHER LEAVING OFFICE WHEN THE PRD GOVERNMENT COMES IN (AUGUST 16) OR OF REMAINING TEMPORARILY THEREAFTER AS FOREIGN SECRETARY (OF WHICH THERE HAVE BEEN SOME RUMORS CIRCULATING), HE IS OBVIOUSLY RELUCTANT TO COMMIT THE NEW GODR TO A SPECIFIC CONFIDENTIAL

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COURSE. IT MAY ALSO WEIGHT HEAVILY IN THE PRESENT INSTANCE THAT THE PRD HAS TRADITIONALLY MAINTAINED TIES WITH THE PIP, THE MAINLINE PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE PARTY, AND THAT THE LINE WHICH THE PRD MIGHT FOLLOW, ONCE IT HAS ASSUMED POWER, IS PROBABLY BY NO MEANS CLEAR EVEN TO LEADERS OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT THEMSELVES.

4. EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW UP WITH APPROPRIATE AIDES TO GUZMAN. VISIT OF THE U.S. DELEGATION FOR THE INAUGURATION WILL ALSO AFFORD AN EXCELLENT OCCASION TO IMPRESS ON THE NEW GOVERNMENT AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL THE IMPORTANCE ATTACHED BY THE USG TO THIS ISSUE AND THE DOMINICAN POSITION ON IT. YOST

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